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CENSUS CAMPAIGN

LOURDES MELUZA. WASHINGTON, DC

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U.S. Census Bureau Director Robert Groves joined prominent Latino groups, labor and faith leaders and leading national Spanish-language media partners today to outline a historic campaign to ensure a full and accurate 2010 Census count of the estimated 50 million Latinos living in the United States. Members of the coalition - called the Ya es Hora !HAGASE CONTAR! (It's Time, Make Yourself Count!) campaign - previewed a series of public service announcement that will begin airing today on major Spanish language media.

VACCINES

VO: 16

The largest U.S. supplier of seasonal flu vaccines says it's running behind on shipping vaccine for the regular, seasonal flu partly because of the crunch to produce millions of doses of the swine flu vaccine. The pharmaceutical company Sanofi Pasteur says it has shipped more than half of the 50 million doses of seasonal flu vaccine order by U.S. health care providers. But the French company has sent notices to customers indicating that additional doses may be delayed. Company spokeswoman Donna Cary says it could be November before some customers get the rest of their orders.

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IMMIGRATION PLAN

JAIME GARCIA. LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

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Although President Obama has put off an immigration overhaul until next year, the federal agency in charge of approving visas is planning ahead for the possibility of giving legal status to millions of illegal immigrants, the agency's director said Thursday. Obama has told immigration officials that a legalization program would be part of legislation the White House would propose, said Mr. Mayorkas, who became director in August. The agency's goal, he said, is to be ready to expand rapidly to handle the gigantic increase in visa applications it would face if the legislation, known as comprehensive immigration reform, passed Congress.

HEALTH CARE LATEST

LOURDES MELUZA. WASHINGTON, DC

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After a marathon session that ran well past midnight, the Senate Finance Committee on Friday passed a major milestone in its work on legislation to remake the health care system and provide coverage to millions of the uninsured. At 2:15 a.m., the committee completed work on the last of dozens of amendments to the bill, written by the panel's chairman, Senator Max Baucus Democrat of Montana. The committee plans to take a final vote on the legislation next week, after getting a cost estimate from the Congressional Budget Office Democratic leaders hope the full Senate will begin debate on the legislation.

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EE. UU. UNEMPLOYMENT

VO :24

The nation's unemployment rate now stands at 9.8 percent after rising a tenth of a point. The Labor Department says employers cut 263,000 jobs. That was up from a revised August total of 201,000, and was considerably more than Wall Street economists had been expecting.

HEALTHCARE REFORM WILL CREATE NEW EMPLOYEES

CRISTINA PUIG. MIAMI, FLORIDA

PKG 2:26

Administration officials say President Barack Obama is looking at ways to ease the burdens of laid-off workers, including possible extensions of unemployment and health benefits. With the jobless rate continuing to climb, the president said in his weekly radio and Internet address that he is exploring "additional options to promote job creation." Administration aides say the options include extending enhanced unemployment-insurance benefits beyond Dec. 31, when they are set to expire. Another option is to extend a tax credit for laid-off workers who buy health insurance through the COBRA program.

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FULL VACCINE

VO :24

Days before the swine flu vaccine becomes available, more than half of U.S. adults say they will get the vaccine for themselves and 75 percent will get it for their children, according to a survey released Friday. Forty percent said they would not get the H1N1 vaccine, the team at the Harvard School of Public Health found. The survey conflicts with one published earlier this week by Consumer Reports showing only 35 percent of Americans would definitely have their children vaccinated. The Harvard researchers polled 1,042 U.S. adults for what they said was a representative sample of national opinion late last month.

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H1N1 VACCINE

CECILIA RAMIREZ- MIAMI, FL

PKG 2:12

Indiana and Tennessee are among the first states that will vaccinate people against the swine flu. Health officials in both states scheduled events Monday in Indianapolis and Memphis to administer nasal mist doses of the swine flu vaccine to doctors, nurses, emergency medical workers and other health care professionals who work directly with patients. Initial shipments of the nasal mist vaccine are so small that in most cases they're being reserved for health workers so the workers remain healthy and can care for and vaccinate others.

MORE KIDS WITH AUTISM

BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ/ NEW YORK

PKG 2:28

Two new government studies indicate about 1 in 100 children have autism disorders -- higher than a previous U.S. estimate of 1 in 150. Greater awareness, broader definitions and spotting autism in younger children may explain some of the increase, federal health officials said. Figuring out how many children have autism is extremely difficult because diagnosis is based on a child's behavior, said Dr. Susan E. Levy of the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics subcommittee on autism.

HEALTH COVERAGE

LUIS MEGID/SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

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The biggest news coming out of the study is that the average annual premiums for employer-sponsored health insurance topped \$13,000 this year for family coverage (\$13,375, to be exact), which is a 5% increase from last year's premiums. Since 1999, the average cost of family coverage has risen by 131%. The average annual premiums for single coverage rose by nearly 120% over the same period, to \$4,824 in 2009.

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SWINE FLU LATEST

BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ / NEW YORK

PKG 2:13

The first batches of the H1N1/swine flu vaccine have arrived in New York city today and some other mayor cities of the country. Some of the first doses, which are of the nasal spray variety, will be administered to children and health care workers at Montefiore Medical Center in the Bronx. A spokesperson for Montefiore says all workers must be vaccinated by November 30th. The city is planning a massive vaccination program, and will soon offer the vaccine to all city school kids, free of charge. Health officials yesterday launched a test run for that vaccination program by administering doses of the seasonal flu shot. About 700 students at six schools are getting seasonal flu shots this week. Officials say the first day of tests went well.

10/07/09

SOCIAL SECURITY NO MATCH RULE

VO :23

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) today formally issued a final rule rescinding the Social Security "no match" rule. The "no match" rule, which was never implemented, would have forced employers to fire workers based on discrepancies in their Social Security records. DHS first announced its plan to rescind the rule in July, and with today's publication of a final rule in the Federal Register, the rescission will go into effect in 30 days.

SENATE HEALTH BILL \$829 BILLION

VO :21

Health care legislation drafted by a key Senate committee would expand coverage to 94 percent of all eligible Americans at a 10-year cost of \$829 billion, congressional budget experts said Wednesday, a preliminary estimate trumpeted by the White House and likely to power the measure past a major hurdle within days. The Congressional Budget Office added that the legislation would reduce federal deficits by \$81 billion over a decade and probably lead to "continued reductions in federal" red ink in the years beyond.

YOUTH VIOLENCE EPIDEMIC

LUIS MEGID/ SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

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US Attorney General Eric Holder and Education Secretary Arne Duncan made a trip to Chicago to meet with city leaders to discuss youth violence in the wake of the beating death of 16-year-old Derrion Albert. Holder says youth violence is an American problem and not just a Chicago problem. He says the nation was shocked at the violence on the video that captured Albert's fatal beating.

AIRLINES ADD \$10 ON BUSY DAYS

VO :22

Flying around the holidays is already more expensive and could get more so. Several big airlines have added \$10 surcharges for busy days around the holidays. Last month airlines added a \$10 each-way surcharge for Nov. 29 (the Sunday after Thanksgiving) and Jan. 2 and 3.

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HEALTH CARE REFORM LATEST LOURDES DEL RIO / WASHINGTON, DC PKG 2:42

Despite a report from the Congressional Budget Office that the plan would reduce federal deficits by \$81 billion over a decade, Republicans aren't ready to count on any savings from the health reform measure emerging from the Senate Finance Committee. Senate GOP leader Mitch McConnell says Democrats are going to fatten up that bill as it proceeds through Congress. He predicts that it will "never see the light of day." Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid has announced that the Finance Committee will vote Tuesday on the proposal that would expand coverage to 94 percent of eligible Americans, according to the Congressional Budget Office report.

CREDIT CARD REFORM LUIS MEGID / SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA PKG 1:49

Rep. Barney Frank says Congress should move up the enactment date of its credit card reform bill to Dec. 1 because banks are raising rates on customers. Last spring, Frank helped push a bill through Congress that imposes strict new rules on lenders, including a limitation on when and how banks hike rates. Most of the rules will take effect in mid-February, a date set by Congress to give banks time to prepare for the changes.

UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS VO :22

The House on Sept. 23 approved a bill that would extend benefits by up to 13 weeks for jobless workers living in 27 states, plus the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, that have unemployment rates of 8.5 percent or higher. A look at the states in the House measure as the Senate considers extending benefits to all 50 states.

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MORE SWINE FLU CASES LUIS MEGID. SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA PKG 2:00

Health officials say swine flu activity is picking up, with 37 states now reporting widespread cases. Officials with the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported Friday that the count is up from 27 states the previous week. The figures suggest a leveling off of flu activity the previous week may have been short-lived. Meanwhile, CDC officials say states have ordered 3.6 million doses of swine flu vaccine for a campaign that started this week.

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OBAMA HEALTH

VO :28

President Barack Obama said Saturday he's seeing "unprecedented consensus" behind overhauling health care, though he acknowledged continued partisan gridlock in Congress. The historic movement to bring real, meaningful health insurance reform to the American people gathered momentum this week as we approach the final days of this debate.

UNEMPLOYMENT LATEST

LUIS MEGID. SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

PKG 2:064

Nonfarm payroll employment continued to decline in September (-263,000), and the unemployment rate 9.8% continued to trend up, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. The largest job losses were in construction, manufacturing, retail trade, and government. Household Survey Data Since the start of the recession in December 2007, the number of unemployed persons has increased by 7.6 million to 15.1 million, and the unemployment rate has doubled to 9.8 percent. Unemployment rates for the major worker groups--adult men 10.3% , adult women 7.8%, teenagers 25.9%, whites 9.0%, blacks (15.4 percent), and Hispanics 12.7%-- showed little change in September.

BORDER FENCE

VO :24

A provision that would set up another 300 miles of tall fencing along the U.S.-Mexico border has been stripped from an appropriations bill. A Texas congressman says it represented "an unproductive and inefficient border security strategy" that is "out of touch with border needs." Seven border state congressmen asked the House leadership in July to strip the amendment from the final bill. As of the end of June, there were about 633 miles of pedestrian and vehicle barriers along the U.S.-Mexico border, which runs 2,100 miles. Many of the gaps in the fencing are in Texas, where landowners continue to fight the government.

OBAMA "DONT ASK DONT TELL"

VO :24

The climate for passing gay civil rights laws has never been better, but it could be a decade before another chance comes around, the highest-ranking openly gay official in the Obama administration said Friday. A House vote Thursday put Congress on the verge of significantly expanding hate crimes law to make it a federal crime to assault people because of their sexual orientation. Later this year, Congress is expected to hold hearings on a measure prohibiting workplace discrimination -- including decisions about hiring, firing and wages -- based on sexual orientation or gender identity.

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SWINE FLU LATEST

BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ. NEW YORK

PKG 2:12

A top U.S. health official says the risks from not getting the swine flu vaccine are greater than any potential risks associated with the vaccine. Dr. Anne Schuchat of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says she's surprised by all the misinformation going around about the new vaccine. She says a good safety record from past vaccines bodes well for the swine flu vaccine now becoming available. Schuchat says there's no problem associated with getting shots for both the swine flu and seasonal flu on the same day. But health officials recommend a three-week period between receiving the nasal versions of the vaccines.

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**BILL TO RAISE INSURANCE
LOURDES DEL RIO / WASHINGTON, DC
PKG 2:18**

The health insurance industry is striking back against the Senate's current plan for health care reform claiming that the plan will not only fail to reduce costs but will actually increase the cost of coverage for the privately-insured by thousands of dollars a year. Over the weekend America's Health Insurance Plans, an industry trade group released to its members a analysis which projected that the current Senate legislation would cause premiums for families to increase by \$4000 by the year 2019. Sen. Baucus' spokesman defended the \$829 billion dollar overhaul plan casting doubt on the legitimacy of the new study claiming "it's a health insurance company hatchet job." The legislation faces a final Finance committee vote tomorrow.

**IMMIGRATION REFORM BILL PREVIEW
JAIME GARCIA / LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
PKG 2:03**

Hispanic lawmakers in the House are writing an immigration reform bill that will outline the minority community's position before the debate begins in Congress. The House and Senate are not expected to take up comprehensive immigration reform until next year, but those involved in writing the bill say the legislation being prepared by Rep. Luis Gutierrez, D-Ill., will lay down a marker on what is expected. Members of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus are behind the effort to lay a legislative blueprint.

**CENSUS CITIES
VO :21**

With the 2010 census looming, major U.S. cities whose residents are at high risk of being missed are struggling with a shortage of money and manpower to prepare for an accurate count. A study by the Pew Charitable Trusts, released Monday, examined preparation efforts in 11 major cities. It found only five cities had committed public funds to census outreach -- Los Angeles, New York, Houston, Phoenix and Baltimore.

**US SWINE FLU LATEST
LUIS MEGID/ SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA
PKG 1:59**

The rising swine flu death toll among children has reached disturbing heights. The H1N1 virus is blamed for the deaths of 19 children over the past week, a total of 76 overall, about the number which usually die in an entire flu season ending in May. The American Medical Association comes out with its own report focusing on two major themes: children, and how to handle a massive influx of patients if the virus runs out of control.

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**HEALTH CARE REFORM
LOURDES DEL RIO/WASHINGTON, DC
PKG 2:16**

Now that the Senate Finance Committee has approved its version of healthcare reform legislation, Senate Democratic leaders will merge it with a more liberal bill passed earlier by the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee.

H1N1 MORE DEATHS-CHILDREN

VO: 20 sec

Doctors are urging parents to be on the lookout for warning signs that a case of swine flu has become life-threatening. Swine flu has probably infected hundreds of thousands of youngsters nationwide. Deaths among children are rare, but at least 76 American children have died since April. Last week alone, there were 19 new reports of children who died.

10/14/09**CENSUS VITTER AMENDMENT
LOURDES DEL RIO. MIAMI, FLORIDA
PKG 2:09**

The Commerce Department and Census Bureau declared Tuesday that an amendment by Sen. David Vitter, R-La., to require the 2010 census to ask all persons their citizenship and immigration status would scuttle any chance that the census could be done on time and would cost taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars. Scott Threlkeld/The Times-PicayuneU.S. Sen. David Vitter portrays his amendment as an attempt to keep Louisiana from losing one of its seven congressional districts in the coming reapportionment.

**SWINE FLU LATEST
BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ. NEW YORK
PKG 2:25**

The vaccine maker Sanofi Pasteur says tests of its swine flu vaccine suggest that children under 10 may need two doses to be fully protected. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says Wednesday's news is not surprising. This age group needs two doses of regular seasonal vaccine for full immunity to develop. Federal officials have been hoping that one shot or squirt of nasal spray would do, so they can stretch the available supply of a vaccine much in demand.

**SOCIAL SECURITY.
VO: 20 & SOT: 15**

President Barack Obama is calling on Congress to approve \$250 payments to more than 50 million seniors to make up for no increase in Social Security next year. The White House put the cost at \$13 billion. The Social Security Administration is scheduled to announce Thursday that there will be no cost of living increase next year. By law, increases are pegged to inflation, which has been negative this year.

10/15/09**SOCIAL SECURITY TROUBLES
LOURDES DEL RIO. MIAMI, FLORIDA
PKG 2:04**

There will be no cost of living increase for more than 50 million Social Security recipients next year, the first year without a raise since automatic adjustments were adopted in 1975, the government announced Thursday. Blame falling consumer prices. By law, cost of living adjustments are pegged to inflation, which is negative this year because of lower energy costs. Social Security payments, however, cannot go down. Thursday's announcement comes a day after President Barack Obama called for a second round of \$250 stimulus payments for seniors, veterans, retired railroad workers and people with disabilities. The payments would match the ones issued to seniors earlier this year as part of the government's economic recovery package.

**MORE FORECLOSURES
BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ. NEW YORK**

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U.S. foreclosure filings climbed to a record in the third quarter as lenders seized more properties from delinquent borrowers, according to RealtyTrac Inc. A total of 937,840 homes received a default or auction notice or were repossessed by banks, a 23 percent increase from a year earlier, the Irvine, California-based seller of default data said today in a report. One out of every 136 U.S. households received a filing, the highest quarterly rate in records dating to January 2005. After all the Government plans to help people stay in their home foreclosures keep rising and banks are not doing enough loan modifications. She will also include the job loss and that 41 people were charged in mortgage fraud in NY

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